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Vanavudaiya Gounder, Mr. S. V.
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Venkataramana Ayyangar, Mr. C. V.
Venkatarangam Nayudu, Mr. C.
Venkiah, Mr. S.
Watson, I.C.S., Mr. H. A.
Wood, Mr. C. E.
Wright, Mr. W. O.
Zamindar of Gollapalli (Srimannarayana Appa Rao Bahadur Garu, Meka).
Zamindar of Kallikota (Sri Ramachandra Mardaraja Deo).
Zamindar of Singampatti (T. N. Sivasubramaniyaman Tevar, Thirthapathi).

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Assignment of lands

Alleged hardships of certain ryots in Anchetti village.

* 1719 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur S. ELLAPPA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a number of people from the neighbouring firkas who emigrated to Anchetti taraf in Hosur taluk, Salem district, and settled there with the hope of securing lands at concession rates have been hard hit by the sudden change in the darkhast rules;

(*b*) if so, what their number is;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the Revenue officer who sold the tree growth on lands assigned to village officers could not realize even one rupee per acre; and

(*d*) whether it is a fact that among the ryots who had applied for lands when the concession rates were in force, the concession was shown to some but refused to others?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) The Government have no information. They are not aware that any sudden change has been made in the darkhast rules. A report has been called for in regard to the collection of tree value in this village.

Irrigation

Investigation of the Yeleru project.

* 1720 *Q.*—Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to question No. 730-E answered on 27th November 1928 regarding the Yeleru project—

(*a*) whether the investigation mentioned in clause (*b*) has been taken up;

(*b*) whether the Government have received a mahazar in November 1928 from the inhabitants of Achempeta, Gonchala and other villages suggesting the digging of another canal from the Gonchala plain to Timmapuram, Juvvi canal and thence to Timmapuram Ava and Ravulu Thumu into the sea at Vakalapudi so as to relieve the drainage trouble;

(*c*) whether the Government have received a mahazar from the villages of Pedapudi, Vatlapalem, Bhimavaram and other villages requesting the Government to divert the course of Yeleru towards Navara, Pavara and

other villages into the sea as was originally the case prior to the diversion towards Cocanada side and that an aqueduct might be constructed at Kovvuru to discharge surplus waters of the Yeluru Biccavole drain and other drains; and

(*d*) whether the Government intend to direct the investigation to be made into the schemes suggested in the abovesaid memorials?

A.—(*a*) The local officers have been instructed to take up the investigation of the question of the effective drainage of the Yeleru waters.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) A scheme which is more or less identical with that mentioned in clause (*b*) of the question, viz., to divert the Yeleru, east of the delta so as to pass straight from Samalkota to Vakalapudi, was considered in 1925, but was dropped as the cost of the diversion would be prohibitive, and as the Maharaja of Pittapur, who was chiefly to benefit by the scheme, did not consent to pay any contribution. The Government do not propose to re-examine the scheme.

As regard the scheme for the diversion of the Yeleru mentioned in clause (*c*) the Government propose to await the results of the investigation that has been ordered. An estimate for constructing an aqueduct under the Cocanada Irrigation channel at Kovvur for discharging the surplus waters of the Yeleru, Biccavole and other drains has, however, been sanctioned already.

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU:—"With reference to the first paragraph of the answer to clause (*d*), may I know what was the cost of the diversion as was then estimated and what was the contribution that was expected from the Maharaja of Pittapur?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"Notice, Sir."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU:—"May I request the hon. the Revenue Member to kindly place the connected papers on the table?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"The suggestion will be considered, Sir."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU:—"With reference to the second paragraph of the answer to the same clause, may I know when the investigation is likely to be completed?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"That I cannot possibly say, Sir."

Loans

Reduction of the rate of interest under the Land Improvement Loans Act.

*1721 *Q*.—Mr. C. S. GOVINDARAJA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state what orders have been passed by Government on the question of reducing the rate of interest under the Land Improvement Loans Act and the Agricultural Loans Act?

A.—The question is under the consideration of the Government.